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Photo above furnished by Chester Yastrzemski -E-272. Chet is 4th from right.

### GENERAL BRADLEY'S ADDRESS AT EHRENBREITSTEIN

It is of interest to note that the 8th Infantry garrisoned Ehrenbreitstein during the Occupation after the last war and lowered the colors on 23 January 1923 prior to their departure. To commemorate this fact, the 8th Infantry is represented in the ceremony by two rifle platoons and by delivering the Colors to be raised today. The 69th Infantry Division captured Ehrenbreitstein recently. It is likewise represented by two rifle platoons and will, after receiving them from the 8th Infantry, raise the Colors. Each Division in the 12th Army group is represented by one enlisted man especially selected for this occasion.

The same American flag that flew over Fort Ehrenbreitstein during the occupation period following the end of World War I will be unfurled again at the fort on Army Day, April 6, symbolizing the victorious return of American troops to Germany for the second time in a generation.

Each infantry and armored division under command of General Omar N. Bradley's Twelfth Army Group will be represented at the ceremony by a combat soldier who has served with distinction in the war against German militarism.

The flag raising ceremony will be conducted by one doughboy each from D. and M. Companies of the 8th Infantry Regiment of the Fourth Infantry Division and one soldier from the 69th Division's 272nd Infantry Combat Team which captured the fort on March 27. D. and M. Companies of the 8th garrisoned the fort from the end of World War I until 1923.

The garrison flag, which was run down on January 23, 1923, was replaced by a French tricolor as American participation in the occupation ended. It was returned to the United States where it hung in a case on the wall of the Secretary of War's Office opposite the flag which was lowered at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, after the War Between the States. It was flown from Washington to Germany for the Army Day ceremony.

## SEND IN YOUR FLIGHT RESERVATION TODAY!!

### THIS YEAR'S REUNION

If the enthusiasm of the Bill Beswicks, Hugh Arnotts, Bob Meyers and many others assisting them, flows your way, there is no doubt that the 1977 Reunion at Mountain Shadows in Arizona will be one of the best we have had in a long time.

Read all the mail in this bulletin and I am sure you will be convinced along with your editor.

### APOLOGY

As your editor, I wish to apologize for the error on the return sheet on the Mountain Shadows reservation form.

The form was correct as it was sent in to the printers. I failed to catch it when the Blue Line was sent to me for any corrections. I also did not detect another error or left out dollar amount on the New York to Arizona Group price. The amount is \$228. per person. If you have not sent in your reservation, dig it out of your last bulletin and send it in to Edie Carbonari PRONTO!!!

### SCHOLARSHIP

In the last Bulletin was an article by BILL MATLACH, Scholarship Chairman. Please, if you have a girl or boy in his or her senior year, urge them to apply. There is always a chance they may be a winner. Tell them to apply at once for consideration. All they have to do is write Wm. Matlach, 19 Barberry Lane, West Islip, NY 11795 for information needed to apply. Tell them not to put it off, do it now.

### GROUP AIR FLIGHTS

We are not including a return sheet on the group air flights being done by Odyssey Travel - Ltd., 271 Bank St., Seymour, Conn. 06483, because of the printing and mailing costs. However, just get out your last copy of the bulletin and send it in as soon as possible if you intend to join one of the groups. Believe me, if you intend to fly to Arizona, this is positively the cheapest way to go. If you cannot find your return sheet, the following information can be sent to the above address. Just tell them where you want to fly from and send in a \$50. deposit with your request. Any further information will be

sent by Odyssey Travel. Do it now so you will not be disappointed later on . . .

Your Editor

### PROOF OF WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS YEAR

The following letter is from ART REEM-SNYDER, Sv. Bat., 879th F. A. and 4530 14th St., NW., Canton, Ohio 44708:

Dear Members:

Have been sort of lack in attendance at reunions. But, am glad to see it an active "Get Together Group," where men come together from all walks of life and from many states. I liked meeting the few guys that showed up from my outfit. Oh Yeah, I was in Sv. Btry.-879th F. A. from the start at Cp. Shelby, Miss. in 1943 and then over to England and the continent.

Would like this be put in the bulletin. Am interested in hearing from the gang of Sv. Btry. -879th. Also 69th members in Stark County area.

Also glad to see the west is getting a shot at reunion. If I go out to my aunts in Phoenix, I'll be there at reunion. That is some place as all of you know and will find out. Am sure Bob Meyers has thing lined up etc.

Well it is time to get outside and clean out my spoutings from all the snow, which you will not see in Phoenix.

Am retiring from Canton, Ohio, P.O. in a year or so.

In Christian Love,

Art

### HERE IS CERTAINLY A NEW TWIST

SAMUEL F. POPKINS, A-271 and 6507 Rose Hill Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310 writes on his own brand of post card. He had it made up special after the reunion at Brandywine Hotel in Delaware last year. It is an overall picture of the Memorial Ceremony Saturday afternoon with the board members and officers in the background. He says,

Dear Loar,

Another fine reunion, or, perhaps the best. Fine accomodations, great food, beautiful setting. Most appropriate ceremony (as shown) and final touch—Reunion with your former friends and lifetime comrades—Especially those as A-271, like Johnny Austin, Jack Jones, Jim Richardson and Roc Sloan.

Best regards,

Sam



(Ed. note: The picture Sam Popkins has on his newly designed post card is in this bulletin elsewhere.)



Sol Rosenblitt and Miriam  
at our Pocono Mts. Reunion  
"They were the Good Old  
Days."

## COME TO REUNION AND SHAKE HANDS WITH GEN. BOLTE!!

### A LETTER FROM

GENERAL CHARLES L. BOLTE  
U.S. Army, Ret'd  
836 Herbert Springs Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22308

18 October 1976

Dear Loar:

A letter from Bob Myers, in Sun City, gives me an opportunity to say to you again how successful I think the reunion at the Brandywine Hilton was. For me it was, as it always is, pleasantly emotional experience. We look forward now to next year, and the first reunion to take place in the Southwest. I hope the attendance at Scottsdale will be even greater than that at the ones held in the eastern part of the country. I was much touched by the presentation to me of the knitted banner of the divisional insignia, and ask you to send me the address of BOB KURZMAN, who made the banner.

I think that you, and all those whose efforts made the reunion such a success, merit the warm thanks of all of the Division's veterans, and certainly you have mine.

THIS LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN SO THAT YOU CAN PLAN, AND ARRANGE YOUR VACATION TO ATTEND THE ORDNANCE COMPANY (769th) RE-UNION (August 1977 in ARIZONA).

Howdy 769'ers:

Long time no see! It's well over 30 years—for most of us . . . And now we have a possible chance in 1977! (August the ??) in Arizona (according to Bob Myers of Sun City). This letter is being written to 42 769'er addresses furnished by IRVING SARAFAN. —And PAUL SHIRLOCK, 5879 Walnut Ave., Chino, CA 91810, has kindly volunteered to try and get us Ordnance men together for a 1977 RE-UNION. (Please write Paul for exact details.) —for a while, SO LONG.

HUGH G. ARNOTT, 1010 Shady brook Lane., Napa, CA 93558 (Sept. 13, 1976) MAYBE EVERYONE COULD BRING A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE? (remember Halle, Germany?)

DON NELSON writes—

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I see by the VFW Magazine that the 69th is having a reunion. Sorry I cannot attend. I came from the 96th div. on Codre to the 69th and was with it until it broke up in Germany. I was in Co. L. -272nd. Would appreciate hearing if any from that company make contact or show.

OLIVER A. McCONAHY writes—

Dear Mr. Marshall:

A buddy of mine that I was in the 269th Comabt Engr's of the 69th Div. stopped at my home last week, I hadn't seen him for 30 years. We had quite a lot to talk about, he was telling the 69th Div. has a Reunion every year. Well! Since I was dis-

charged from the Army, Jan. 17, 1946, I have not heard one word from the 69th Div. I have no idea why I was never put on the mailing list. I was with Hdq. Co. 269th Cmbt Btn from 1943 to 1946. Please see that I am put on the mailing list so I will know what is going on in the 69th Div.

AL KORMAZ writes—

Mr. J. Moriarty:

Here's my dough, like everyone else I "enjoy word for word" the Bulletin. Here are three names not receiving the Bulletin, and want it. Please get them on the list.

1-ED PAUL FREEL -930 S. 26th, South Bend, Indiana — Hdq. Btry. 881 -F.A. Bn.

2-LARRY PANKOP -c/o Pankop Dodge Motors, 6th & S. Main, Kendallville, Indiana - Hdq. Btry 879, F. A. Bn.

3-RAYMOND HARMAN -c/o Warsaw, Indiana — Hdq. Btry. 879, F. A. Bn.

I personally have attended 5 reunions, enjoyed very much.

I would appreciate a car decal and so would the other fellows. I hate to trouble you, but do you have any influence over the one who has all the souvenirs? I have written a few times and directed to Princeton, N.J., but yet no response.

I know you are all doing a tremendous job and takes a lot of time, but I do want so much to get some, (pay naturally) and use some for gifts? Could you stir someone up to send me a list of what is available, and cost? This means so much to me, Thanx.

IN MEMORIAM — Please add HARRY E. POWERS — Hdq. Btry, 79 F. A. (May '74) formerly 257 W. Main, Monongahela, Pa.

A letter from CHESTER W. KERMODE, Atty at Law, 11072 Barrington Blvd., Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Your name and address was given to me by a fellow 69er as being in charge of membership. I understand the dues or newsletter is only \$3.00 and enclosed is my check for that amount. If the cost has increased please advise and I'll mail the balance. I was in the communication section of the 273rd regiment. BEN FOY has been trying to get me to attend your reunions and perhaps this year I can make the meetings. Will you please keep me posted as to time and place.

Mrs. Donald B. Scobie, 465 Allard Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 writes—

Dear Sirs:

It grieves me to inform you that my husband, DONALD BAETZ SCOBIE died on January 14, 1976. He was a First Lieutenant with the 272nd Infantry Div. His serial number was 0-303-820, was separated at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on July 31, 1946. Thank you.

## YOU WILL LOVE MOUNTAIN SHADOWS!!

P.S. Look out "C" Co., I have about 10 men from A-271 expecting to come this year!

**HAROLD E. FLETCHER** writes—

27 Fullmer Ave.  
Havertown, Pa.

Dear Clarence:

I have received some letters from members who attended our Reunion in New York when the organization was first started. Now that they are retired, they are once more interested in attending some of these affairs. Would you please see that they receive our "Fighting 69th Infantry Division" Bulletin?

Their names and addresses are as follows:

**FRANK DEMERS**, 25 Grove St., Mechanicville, NJ 12118.

**MARTIN KELLY**, 12404 Worthington Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44111.

Frank will be able to furnish you with an **EDWARD BELL's** address in N.Y. A friend of my wife's brother has

never received any Bulletin and will be anxious to catch up with some of his friends after all these years. **JOSEPH CROWN**, 55 Pembroke Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603.

**MICHAEL DEL GIORNO**, Director of Sales, Brandywine Hilton Inn, I-95 and Naaman's Road, Claymont, Delaware 19703

RE: FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOC.

Dear Loar:

Just a short note to thank you for your patronage and to tell you what a privilege it was to have had the Fighting 69th Infantry Division here with us at the Brandywine Hilton.

We certainly hope that all the arrangements were handled to your satisfaction and that your recent convention was a complete success.

It was indeed a pleasure serving you and your group and I look forward to the pleasure of serving you again in the future.

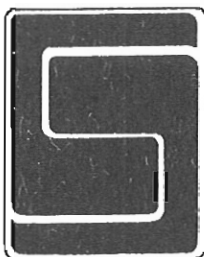
Michael DiGiorno  
Sales Manager

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST 1, 1975 to AUGUST 1, 1976			
	TOTAL	OPERATING	SCHOLARSHIP
<u>BALANCE AUGUST 1, 1975</u>	\$20,288.29	\$ 6,870.90	\$13,417.39
LESS- Deposits on 1975 Reunion	<u>1,223.35</u>	<u>1,223.35</u>	
	\$19,064.94	\$ 5,647.55	\$13,417.39
ADD- Deposits on 1976 Reunion	<u>1,677.00</u>	<u>1,677.00</u>	
Adjusted Balance	<u>\$20,741.94</u>	<u>\$ 7,324.55</u>	<u>\$13,417.39</u>
<u>CASH RECEIPTS 8/1/75 to 8/1/76</u>			
Net Profit on 1975 Reunion	\$ 827.21	\$ 827.21	
Ladies Auxilliary Raffle	139.50		\$ 139.50
Souvenir Sales	249.35	249.35	
Overseas Fund for Flowers	70.00	70.00	
Dues - 910 Regular Members	4,550.00	4,550.00	
Dues - 372 Contributing Members	3,720.00	2,976.00	744.00
Dues - 145 Ladies Auxilliary	218.50	218.50	
Scholarship Contributions	853.50		853.50
Interest on Bond 764.33, Savings 428.95	<u>1,193.28</u>	<u>274.53</u>	<u>918.75</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$11,821.34</u>	<u>\$ 9,165.59</u>	<u>\$ 2,655.75</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$32,563.28</u>	<u>\$16,490.14</u>	<u>\$16,073.14</u>
<u>CASH DISBURSEMENTS 8/1/75 to 8/1/76</u>			
Bulletins (3) Printing 2918.00			
Mailing 460.34	\$ 3,378.34	\$ 3,378.34	
Dues Printing 519.40			
Mailing 518.50	1,037.90	1,037.90	
Sunshine Lady Expense	548.37	548.37	
Roster Maintenance	665.64	665.64	
Pittsburg Postmaster Fees	340.00	340.00	
Newspaper Listings	105.84	105.84	
Flowers - Overseas Cemeteries	325.00	325.00	
General Printing	68.25	68.25	
Souvenir Purchases	278.44	278.44	
Directors & Scholarship Com. Expense	183.25	183.25	
Scholarship Payments 50 150.00	750.00		\$ 750.00
Miscellaneous 27.83	27.83	27.83	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 7,708.86</u>	<u>\$ 6,958.86</u>	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
<u>BALANCE AUGUST 1, 1976</u>	<u>\$24,854.42</u>	<u>\$ 9,531.28</u>	<u>\$15,323.14</u>
<u>NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 4,112.48</u>	<u>\$ 2,206.73</u>	<u>\$ 1,905.75</u>
<u>RESOURCES - Peoples Savings, New Britain, Conn.</u>			
	Balance 8/1/75		\$ 6,683.98
	Deposit May 1976		3,000.00
	Bond Interest deposited		764.33
	Interest credited		428.95
	Total Savings 8/1/76		\$10,877.26
Checking Account, Mechanics National, Worcester, Mass. Balance 8/1/76			3,977.16
BOND - Thirteen Federal Interccr. Banks @ 6.1% - Due 5/2/77			10,000.00
	TOTAL RESOURCES		<u>\$24,854.42</u>
Respectfully Submitted John J. Moriarty, Treasurer Fighting 69th Infantry Div. Assoc.			



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From: Fighting 69th Association  
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#### TO THE EDITOR:

Our records show that a number of veterans of the 69th Infantry Division reside in your readership area. You will be doing them—and us—a real service if you can find space to publish the attached news release, or some portion of it.

Thank you for your courtesy!

FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION  
ASSOCIATION

#### FOR RELEASE AT WILL

The fighting 69th Infantry Division Association has announced that its 30th annual reunion will be held this year on Aug. 14-21 at Mountain Shadows, the Del Webb resort hotel at Scottsdale, Arizona.

According to Stanley Olszewski of New Britain, Conn., national president of the association, this will be the first reunion of the Fighting 69th ever held west of the Mississippi.

The organization is made up of World War II veterans all over the country who served in the 69th Infantry Division or its attached outfits, the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion and the 777th Tank Battalion. Activated at Camp Shelby, Miss., in 1943, the 69th distinguished itself overseas in spearheading the First Army drive across Germany from the Rhine to the Elbe.

Chairman in charge of this year's reunion is Col. Robert Meyers, USA Ret., of Sun City, Ariz., who has prepared a schedule of events that include business and social meetings of the association and its board of directors and ladies auxiliary, tours to scenic attractions, a Saturday night (Aug. 20) banquet and dance, and a memorial ceremony traditionally honoring departed comrades.

Individual unit dinners and get-togethers in specially reserved hospitality rooms will be sponsored by the 269th Engineers, the 661st T. D's., and various other units.

Colonel Meyers has also announced that the association's Scholarship Committee will award one or more scholarships at this reunion. This is an annual award of \$500 or more to a deserving son or daughter of a member of the Fighting 69th.

Among former officers of the division who will attend the reunion is Gen. Charles Bolte, USA Ret., of Washington, D.C., who organized and activated the division in 1943. Col. Donald B. Miller of Prescott, Ariz., wartime commander of the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion, will also be present.

Another reunion visitor will be Dr. William Robertson, a Los Angeles neuro-surgeon, who was in charge of the patrol that made first contact with the Russian troops in the historic U.S.-Soviet link-up at Torgau, Germany, in April 1945. Dr. Robertson visited Russia in 1975 with an official U.S. State Department delegation, and will report on this experience at the forthcoming reunion.

Several hundred persons annually attend the Fighting 69th reunions, but President Stan Olszewski is confident of an exceptional turnout this year.

"We're looking for many newcomers from the West and Midwest," he said, "as well as the regulars on the East Coast who usually attend."

He has emphasized that all veterans of the 69th Infantry or its supporting units, the 661st T.D's. and 777th Tank Battalion, will be welcomed at any or all sessions of the reunion. Anyone desiring further information should write to Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068.

## GENERAL CECIL J. KENNEDY PASSES AWAY

While mere words can offer little comfort to Aggie Kennedy at a time like this, we in the Fighting 69th want her to know that General Kennedy was loved very much by those that served under him and those like your editor who only knew him from being associated with him in the 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. and the first Return to the Elbe Tour back in 1965. He was a good man and rubbed elbows with all of us then and every time he come to a reunion. He was a man of honor and integrity, admired and respected by all who knew him. I know that the tender memories all 69'ers have of him will be cherished and serve to soften this sudden blow. The officers, board of directors, and members of the Fighting 69th extend to Agnes Kennedy and her family their deepest sympathy.

## FORMER PRESIDENT HY GOLDSTEIN WRITES

Dear Clarence:

I have your February 7th letter and hasten to answer. I do not know whether you have heard this or not, but Gen. Cecil J. Kennedy passed away on Christmas night, Dec. 25, 1976.

I have been in touch with his family, and he had been losing his battle for life without any hope for recovery.

I have not been feeling well for some time and after major surgery on my stomach on Dec. 23, 1976, I went to Florida for 15 days. While there I was invited to their home by Sol and Miriam Rosenblitt, and I was pleased to meet there, much to my surprise, Sonny and Doris Baron and, Murray and Iris Galuten, who happened to be in Hallendale from their home in Oklahoma.

I do not know if this letter is a news worthy item for our Bulletin, but certainly General Kennedy's passing should evoke a bulletin, even if it be a special edition.

Kindest regards,  
Hyman E. Goldstein

## DO YOU PAY DUES?

If you like our bulletin and have not been paying dues, read this: Someone at last year's Reunion suggested that if you cannot afford to pay our dues, send our treasurer, JOHN MORIARTY, Pine Lane, Brookfield, MA 01506 any amount you can afford. Even a dollar. Printing costs are soaring and we need your help.

The printed news item on this page was sent in by BILL RUSSELL, E-272. He wrote:

Dear Loar,

Sorry to send this type of news. Also, I wasn't sure who should get it, but knew you would know what to do with it.

Sincerely  
Bill Russell



Generals: Lanham, Kennedy and Bolte at one of our Reunions, Washington, D.C.

## RETIRED GENERAL OF MICHIGAN GUARD SUCCUMBS

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael Catholic Church for Cecil J. Kennedy, retired Michigan National Guard major general, who died Saturday.

A veteran of two World Wars, Gen. Kennedy, 77, commanded the guard's 46th Division from November, 1959, to February, 1962, when he retired.

A native of Alpena, he was a graduate of Dort High School here and General Motors Institute. For many years he owned and operated a food market at 1201 N. Saginaw.

He enlisted in the Army as a private in March, 1918, and served in France with a transportation unit. He was discharged in 1919 and in 1921 enlisted in the National Guard in Flint. Six years later he became a commissioned officer.

In 1940 he went into federal service with the 125th Infantry Regiment. He was promoted to captain in 1941 and major in 1942.

His World War II service moved him to the rank of lieutenant colonel and he served in Europe as a battalion commander and regimental executive officer.

For his service in World War II he was awarded the Bronze Star, with Oak Leaf cluster, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two battle stars, and the Victory Medal.

Gen. Kennedy became executive officer of the National Guard's reorganized 125th Regiment in 1946 and its commander in 1951.

When he was named assistant commander of the 46th Division in 1954, he was promoted to brigadier general. He received a second star and the rank of major general when he took over command of the division.

He leaves his wife, Agnes, M.; son, John B., of Davison, and three sisters, Mrs. Phelina Plourde, Flint, Mrs. Eva Damico, Ferndale, and Mrs. Irene Brennan, Detroit.

A parish Rosary will be said at Dodds-Dumanois Funeral Home at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be at New Calvary.

Gen. Kennedy formerly resided at 2224 Mackin, but at the time of death he lived at 346 South, Davison.

## 661st T.D.'ers TO HAVE THEIR GREATEST REUNION

### UPCOMING GET-TO-GETHER FOR THE "661'ers"

By a vote of all the members present at the St. Albans Get-To-Gether, the annual affair will be held on April 29th and 30th and May 1st, 1977, near the Dutch Country at the Quality Inn, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. It is a truly fine Inn and there is lots of sightseeing.

If you arrive on Friday, there is a very good Seafood dinner to be had for \$5.95 each, so come early.

On Saturday night the banquet will be held at the local V.F.W. Hall. It is to be family style at \$5.00 per person. It's only five minutes from the motel. Let's all make this a really big turnout. We'll see you there, OKAY?

### A GENTLE BUT FIRM REMINDER FOR 1977

All "661'ers" be sure to remember August 15th-21st for the reunion in Arizona. There will be lots to see and plenty to do the entire week. There will be people from the west that you haven't seen these many years. This is your opportunity to see your country as well as your old friends. All "661'ers" should have received a personal letter from me in the middle of January of this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop me a few lines. BILL BESWICK, P.O. Box 576, West Point, VA 23181.

### THE ST. ALBANS GET-TO-GETHER FOR '76

The annual Get-To-Gether of the "661st" Tank Destroyer was held at Smiley's Motel, Oct. 29th & 30th, at St. Albans, W. Va. It was a very joyous affair, except for the rain, which there was plenty.

The motel rooms were very nice and the food was excellent. It was located on the bank of the Kanawha River.

Phil Ferrell being the entertainer that he is, brought BABY with him, which was a puppet on strings and the cross between a duck, a peacock and an ostrich, very colorful indeed. She could walk and dance, in fact almost anything but talk and Phil did the talking. Phil and BABY took the honors in the dance hall, while everyone watched. Very enjoyable indeed.

We must not forget to thank Phil's delightful wife for all her hard work and the excellent job that she did.

We had several newcomers in St. Albans. Among them were EDWARD KRENEK, "B" Co., BILL WAHL, of the Medic's, MICHAEL KOTNIK and RUEBIN MICK of "A" Co. All of them were accompanied by their most delightful wives. Let's hope they will return again and again.

Now we're looking forward to the next one in April.

### SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALL REMEMBER

If you enjoy receiving our Bulletin and I'm sure all of us do, please assist the Association in saving money. Please notify our Membership Chairman CLARENCE MARSHALL, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, PA 15068, when you move or have a change of address.

If you have noticed on the front of your Bulletin, it has the notation "Address Correction Requested" and in some cases

(depending on your local post office) assures us of receiving your change of address. Each address correction that is returned costs the Association twenty-five cents. Multiply this by one hundred changes and you could have mailed out a lot of Bulletins. I forget at the present what the charge is, but each Bulletin that is returned also costs. You see, they do not forward the Bulletins, they are returned.

The following letter from Kate Reynolds, our "Sunshine Girl," to Loar & Adele Quickle:

Hi! . . . Thought I would let you know, just heard yesterday, Terry Fernandez died Jan. 22nd. Perhaps you heard about it. I am trying to notify all the company members of G-271. Hope all is well with you and Loar, Adele."

As soon as we heard, we immediately called Cecil in Lakeland, Florida, however he was not in. Sorry to have missed you, Cecil. Our deepest sympathy is with you and your lovely family."

Adele and Loar

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT STANLEY OLSZEWSKI

For those driving west to attend the 1977 Reunion of the Fighting 69th, here are some exciting parts of our United States to be seen:

I particularly recommend the route west from Pueblo, Colorado, to include Durango, Ooray, and Silverton, Colo. This scenic route through real mountains at 8000 feet to excess altitude includes America's little Switzerland and breath-taking mountains—valleys and lakes in their true beauty. Moving south you go to Farmington, N.M., and the largest Indian Reservations of all. At Kayenta you can go north to the vast and beautiful Lake Powell (Waheap) area. Continuing west from Kayenta you can go to the Grand Canyon, then south to Flagstaff through Sedonia and Oak Creek Canyon—Gerome—Prescott and on to Phoenix and Mt. Shadows. In today's USA—a trip in all of this area to include North and West Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and Montana should be made at least once in a lifetime.

### ABOUT THE INSERT INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN

WE ARE PUSHING FOR THE BEST REUNION EVER IN ARIZONA THIS YEAR . . . WILL YOU, AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, PLEASE, PLEASE DO TAKE THE COPY AND REQUEST YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH IT FOR US . . . TELL THEM A LOT OF MEN BELONGING TO OUR ORGANIZATION LIVE IN YOUR AREA . . . TRY IT!!!! IT WILL WORK WONDERS. USE YOUR NAME INSTEAD OF CLARENCE MARSHALL. SEND US THEIR NAMES.

REUNION 1976 – AUGUST 18–19–20–21, 1977

Please fill out the return sheet below if you intend to come to the Reunion at Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona. It is best you reserve as soon as possible to insure being in as they are offering us 175 rooms, unless something drastic changes in their plans. Make your reservation now!!! DO IT NOW, HEAR? Also, this is the first reunion in the West! Even if you only intend to come one day such as Friday or Saturday, give us the benefit of making prior arrangements with the Hotel. We had 60 persons show up at Brandywine after 4 p.m. on Saturday and it created a havoc for all of us at the hotel were not prepared . . .

Tear off here and return this portion to:  
JOHN MORIARTY, PINE LANE, BROOKFIELD, MASS. 01506

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ OUTFIT \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make the following reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each for the Reunion at Mountain Shadows.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee charged takes care of having bands Friday, and Saturday evenings *plus* Saturday Night Banquet, and, other expenses in running Reunion.

Please give us Co. Reg't., etc. you wish to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU WRITE OR PHONE YOUR BUDDIES TO JOIN YOU?????

Remember? If you do not show, total amount will be refunded to our treasurer!

The Early Bird Dinner will be held once again and is proving to be more popular than ever . . .

Please include the following number reservations at \$10.00 each:

Number desired for Early Bird Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your reservations whether you send your money in advance or not. We do appreciate the money in advance because it unloads the registration desk at reunion time of a great amount of work . . .

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS TEAR OFF HERE AND MAIL TO:  
MEMBERS OF THE 69TH INFANTRY CENTER DIVISION ASSOC., INC.

I desire reservations for a week beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 1976 (First night)  
(date)

I desire reservations for the following nights:

Sunday, August 14 ☐ Monday, August 15 ☐ Tuesday, August 16 ☐ Wednesday, August 17 ☐  
Thursday, August 18 ☐ Friday, August 19 ☐ Saturday, August 20 ☐

If other, please explain here \_\_\_\_\_

Check off the type of room desired: Single (\$20.00) ☐ Double (\$24.00) ☐ 1 Bedroom Suite (\$48.00) ☐  
2 Bedroom Suite (\$72.00) ☐

(All above room are a special.)

*Rooms guaranteed up to two weeks before Reunion week.*

Make a down payment to avoid last minute hang-ups . . .

Mail to:

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS  
5641 E. LINCOLN DRIVE  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, 85253  
ALWAYS MENTION THE FIGHTING 69TH

NOTE! If reservations are other than above dates, specify below:

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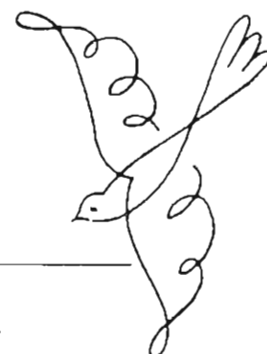
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REGISTER EARLY FOR THE REUNION .....

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